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➤ EMPLOYMENT

Research Professor

2016- present

Department of Entrepreneurship, Baylor University

Assistant Professor of Economics

2013- 2016

Oxford College of Emory University

➤ INTERESTS

➤ Applied Microeconomics ➤ New Institutional Economics ➤ Entrepreneurship
➤ Mental Health & Well-being ➤ Economics of Education ➤ Pedagogy

➤ EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics

May 2013

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

➤ concentration in Business Administration & Statistics

M.A., Economics

August 2008

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

B.S., Economics (*magna cum laude*)

May 2006

➤ minors in Philosophy and Mathematics

Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana

➤ RESEARCH

Published Papers

(student co-authors in **bold**)

- (with Daniel Bennett) "Give Me Liberty and Give Me Control: Economic Freedom, Control Perceptions, and the Paradox of Choice" *European Journal of Political Economy* (conditionally accepted)

- (with Daniel Bennett) "On the Ambiguous Economic Freedom-Inequality Relationship" *Empirical Economics* (forthcoming)

- (with **Rauf Salahodjaev**) "Cultural Values, Pathogens, and the Origins of Economic Institutions" *Kyklos* (forthcoming)

- (with Daniel Bennett) "Economic Freedom and Happiness Inequality - Friends or Foes?" *Contemporary Economic Policy* (forthcoming)

- "Factor Endowments, the Rule of Law, and Structural Inequality: Testing the Engerman-Sokoloff Hypothesis" (with Daniel Bennett) *Journal of Institutional Economics* 2016: 1-23

- "Does Other People's Education Make Us Less Happy?" *Economics of Education Review* 51 (1) 2016: 176-191
- (with **Rauf Salahodjaev**) "The Role of Intelligence in the Distribution of National Happiness" *Intelligence* 56 (1) 2016: 38-45
- (with **Pavel Rusakov**) "Education and Happiness: An Alternative Hypothesis" *Applied Economics Letters*. 2015
- "Living with Mom and Dad and Loving It...or Are You?" *Journal of Economic Psychology*. 51(1) December 2015: 199-209
- (with **Ainslee Burns**) "Intergenerational Mobility and Subjective Well-being—Evidence from the General Social Survey." *Journal of Behavioral & Experimental Economics*. 53 (1) 2014: 82-96
- "Economic Freedom and Quality of Life – Evidence from the OECD's Better Life Index." *Journal of Private Enterprise*. 29 (3) 2014: 97-117.
- "Using Experiments and Media to Introduce Game Theory into the Principles Classroom." *Journal of Private Enterprise*. 29 (2) 2014: 149-160.
- (with Josh Hall, John Pulito, and Ben vanMetre). "Economic Freedom and Entrepreneurship: New Evidence from the States." *American Journal of Entrepreneurship*. 6(1) 2013: 85-99

Book Chapters

- "**Economic Freedom & Subjective Well-being**," in *Economic Behavior, Economic Freedom, and Entrepreneurship*. Edited by Richard Cebula, Joshua Hall, Franklin Mixon, and James Payne, editors. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015: 178-193.

Working Papers (under review)

- (with Milena Nikolova) "Does Joining the EU Make You Happy? Evidence from Bulgaria and Romania"
- (with Toke Aidt and Daniel Bennett) "Institutions and Well-being"
- "Does Higher Education Increase Hedonic and Eudaimonic SWB?"
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Rising Income Inequality and Economic Growth—Are Americans Better Off?" Evidence from Subjective Well-Being Data.
- (with Milena Nikolova) "Saving Habits and Subjective Well-being?"
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Economic Freedom and Emotional Well-being."
- (with **Rauf Salahodjaev**) "Are More Individualistic Societies More Democratic – Evidence from a New Instrument"

- IQ and Happiness - the Effect of Social Comparison (with Jeniffer McGee)
- (with Rauf Salahodjaev) Individualism-Collectivism and Income Inequality

➤ TEACHING

OXFORD COLLEGE OF EMORY UNIVERSITY, 2013-present

- › awarded the William H. Fox Award for Emerging Excellence (2016)

The Economics of Happiness | web: <http://happy.borisnikolaev.com>

- › Honors seminar with a study abroad component to Costa Rica
- › Overall Rating 4.8/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

Principles of Macroeconomics

- › Overall Rating 4.9/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

Principles of Microeconomics | web: <http://micro.borisnikolaev.com>

- › Overall Rating 4.5/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

Intermediate Microeconomics

- › Overall Rating 4.5/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

Oxford College Research Scholars

- › Overall Rating 5/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA. 2008-2012

- › awarded the Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching (2010)

Principles of Microeconomics

- › Overall Rating 4.7/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

History of Economic Thought | web: <http://hope.borisnikolaev.com>

- › Overall Rating 4.5/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

Intermediate Price Theory

- › Overall Rating 4.4/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

Mathematical Economics (Master's level)

- › Overall Rating 4.7/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

➤ AWARDS

Oxford College Honors, Oxford College of Emory University, 2016

William H. Fox Award for Emerging Excellence, Emory University, 2015-16

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, USF Graduate School, 2012-13

The Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2012-13

Research Excellence Award, USF Graduate School, 2013

Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies, 2012

APPE Young Scholar's Award, Association of Private Enterprise, 2012

The Provost Award for Outstanding Teaching, University of South Florida, 2010

NEH Summer Grant, Center for History of Political Economy, Duke University, 2010

Travel Grants, USF Graduate S&P Council, 2010-13

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, USF, 2006-07

Multicultural Affairs Scholar Award, Manchester College, 2005

Eli Lilly Imaginary Grant, Manchester College, 2004

Outstanding Academic Scholarship, Manchester College, 2002

International Scholarship, Manchester College, 2001-05

➤ **GRANTS**

Inequality & Entrepreneurship, John F. Baugh Center (\$72,500), 2016-18
Institutions & Well-being, Charles Koch Foundation (\$61,500), 2014-16
Faculty Development Grant, Oxford College of Emory University (\$2,897), 2015
Faculty Development Grant, Oxford College of Emory University (\$2,181), 2014
Faculty Development Grant, Oxford College of Emory University (\$1,492), 2013

➤ **PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

New Directions in Well-Being Research, Brookings Institution (2016)
Institute for Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts, Oxford College (summer 2014)
Equality & Public Policy, Ohio University (2013)
Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course, Gus A. Stavros Center
for Economic Education, University of South Florida (2013)
Spontaneous Order and Experimental Economics, Liberty Fund (2012)
Public Policy and Economic Freedom, Liberty Fund (2012)
Liberty & the Art of Teaching, George Mason University (2012)
Scholarship & a Free Society, Towson University (2012)
Teaching the History of Political Economy, Duke University (2010)
Instructional Workshop for Teaching Excellence, USF (2010)

➤ **SERVICE**

Strategic Planning Committee, Oxford College, Member (2015-)
Sustainability Theme Committee, Oxford College, Committee Member (2014-)
Honor's Council, Oxford College, Faculty Representative (2014-2016)
Oxford Studies, Oxford College of Emory University, Grader (2014-2016)
Freshman Seminar, Oxford College of Emory University, Faculty Co-Facilitator
(fall 2014, fall 2015)
Students for Liberty, Oxford College of Emory University, Faculty Adviser (2014-)
Economics Scholars Society, USF, Graduate Student Adviser (2010-13)
Undergraduate Thesis Committee (Michael Metalone), USF (2012)

➤ **DISCUSSANT**

Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (2014, 2013), Equality & Public Policy (2013),
Association of Private Enterprise and Education (2014, 2013), Southern Economic
Association (2013, 2012)

➤ **REFEREE**

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, World Development, European
Journal of Political Economy, IZA World of Labor, Journal of Happiness Studies,
Journal of Regional Finance and Policy, Journal of Economics and Finance Educa-
tion, The Independent Review, Journal of Private Enterprise

➤ **CONFERENCES**

The Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas (2015)

The European Public Choice Society Meeting, Groningen, Netherlands (2015)
Academic and Business Research Institute, Honolulu, Hawaii (2014)
The Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, Nevada (2014)
Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina (2014)
The Association of Private Enterprise Education, Maui, Hawaii (2013)
Global Governance and Sustainable Communities Conference, Tampa, Florida (2013)
USF Graduate Research Symposium, Tampa, Florida (2013)
 › Best poster award in social sciences
Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (2012)
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (2012)
 › Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Award
Scholarship & a Free Society, Towson University (2012)
USF Department of Economics Seminar Series, University of South Florida (2010)
Economics Scholars Society Guest Speaker, University of South Florida (2010)

> SOFTWARE

Acrobat • Premiere • Illustrator • InDesign • Lightroom • Photoshop
 Word • Excel • Powerpoint • Access • Visio • Project
 Open Office • FileZilla • InfranView • GIMP • Audacity • Virtual Dub • TexMaker
 HTML • CSS • PHP • Flash • Javascript (basic) • XML • LaTeX
 Stata (main) • Matlab • SPSS • SAS (basic)
 Drupal • Joomla • Wordpress • Magento

> MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, Public Choice Society, European Public Choice Society, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association, Association of Private Enterprise and Education